CLAIMS

1   A method of visualizing a large still picture on a display having a size smaller than the large still picture, said method comprising the steps of:

5   -   dividing the large still picture into a set of pieces, said pieces having a size substantially equal to the display size,

-        ranking the pieces of the large still picture according to a predetermined scanning order, and

-        encoding the set of pieces using a predictive block-based compression technique

10   according to said predetermined scanning order so as to obtain a video sequence.

2   A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the pieces of the large still picture overlap each other and wherein the dividing and ranking steps are based on a traveling shot adapted to cover at least a part of the large still picture.

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3   A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a step of detecting contours within the large still picture.

4   A method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the dividing and ranking steps are

20   based on a continuous scanning of the contours detected by the step of detecting contours.

5   A method as claimed in any one of claims 1, further comprising a step of zooming a part of the large still picture.

25   6   A device for visualizing a large still picture on a display having a size smaller than the large still picture, said device comprising:

-        means for dividing the large still picture into a set of pieces, said pieces having a size substantially equal to the display size,

-        means for ranking the pieces of the large still picture according to a predetermined

30   scanning order, and

-        an encoder for encoding the set of pieces using a predictive block-based compression technique according to said predetermined scanning order so as to obtain a video sequence.

7   A mobile apparatus comprising a display and the device as claimed in claim 6 for visualizing the large still picture on the display.

8   A computer program product comprising program instructions for
5   implementing, when said program is executed by a processor, a method as claimed in claim 1.